

**Pioneer Middle School**  
**School Accountability Committee Minutes**  
**October 26, 2022**

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**Members in Attendance:**

Carr, Mary	Lugo, Juliana	Spigelman, Jessica
Cohen, Mason	Mazzola, Liliana	Stamm, Saskia
Crosinelli, Maria	McCarthy, Sandy	Torres, Karen
Fleming, Jane	Panditaratne, Greenleigh	
Keller, Angela	Pappas, Robert	

**Guests in Attendance**

Gavriellov-Harel, Veronica	Mansur, Marcela
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**Call to Order**

A meeting of the Pioneer Middle School Advisory Council was held in the Media Center on Wednesday, October 26, 2022. Mr. Pappas called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

**Roll Call to Establish Quorum**

Principal – Robert Pappas  
Teacher Representative – Stephanie Torres (Absent)  
School Advisory Committee Chair/Teacher Representative – Richard Uhler (Absent)  
School Advisory Committee Secretary/Non-Instructional Representative – Jane Fleming  
Student Council Representative – Greenleigh Panditaratne  
Student Council Representative – Liliana Mazzola  
Student Council Representative – Juliana Lugo  
National Junior Honor Society Representative – Mason Cohen  
PTSA Parent Representative – Sandy McCarthy  
ESE Parent Representative – Saskia Stamm  
ESOL Parent Representative – Maria Crosinelli  
Gifted Parent Representative – Angela Keller  
Business Representative - Vacant  
School Advisory Forum Representative – Karen Torres  
Innovation Zone Representative – Jessica Spigelman  
BTU Steward – Mary Carr

**Minutes – October 12, 2022, Meeting**

Ms. K. Torres made a motion to approve, Ms. Keller seconded; motion passed.

**School Accountability Funds Balance:**

- School Accountability - \$17,868.00 +
- 2021-2022 Unused Classroom Supply Funds \$3634.13
- School Recognition – \$23,814.00

## **Reports**

### **Principal – Robert Pappas**

- We have moved the SAC meeting to today because we have some important things coming up.
- Last SAC meeting we talked about considering block scheduling. It is important to Mr. Pappas that his staff can make an appropriate decision and to educate us appropriately so that we can decide we want. So on November 8<sup>th</sup> we will have a vote if we want to consider this or not. If it is a yes to continue, we will know by early December if we will be a block schedule school for the next two years.
- Pioneer was an “A” school again and so we will be voting on the funds and how they are to be distributed. Faculty Council is working on ballot suggestions. We are calling a special meeting on Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. This meeting will be specifically about A+ funds. Technically anyone can present a ballot idea of what they think is a fair use of the funds and then ultimately the SAC will approve the ballot and then a few days later the staff will vote on which option they think is best. It is an important day for everyone to be here.
- We are into the second quarter. There are three assessments this year, the second one will be in early December, the week of the 5<sup>th</sup> and the 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Basketball is going on and Volleyball is coming up. Speech and Debate are doing great.
- Mr. Pappas recognized Ms. Padron and the parents for having a great Book Fair.

### **Student Council – Greenleigh Panditaratne**

- Student Council is having Halloween Movie Night on October 28<sup>th</sup> the 200 tickets have been sold out. They will be watching Hocus Pocus.
- They are selling the Breast Cancer Awareness bracelets. Seventh grade

### **NJHS – Mason Cohen, President**

- Tutoring is happening every Thursday and is going well. It is from 8:05 a.m. to 8:55 a.m.
- Speech and Debate has a competition tomorrow, Mr. Ostrick is doing a good job

### **PTSA – Sandy McCarthy, President**

- They will be sponsoring the Harvest Drive and are figuring it out. It will start on November 7<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Pappas said Tuesday is a Planning Day and Friday is Veterans Day so they might want to run it until the following Monday.
- The Toy Drive will be after Thanksgiving
- Angel Tree will be in December, and they do it virtually.
- The big fundraiser will be the end of January.
- We are going to do a sixth-grade dance now and a seventh grade in February.

### **School Advisory Forum – Karen Torres**

- Spokesman spoke about the library system and cards.
- Guy Barmoha spoke about the Student Progression Policy
- Richard Baum spoke about the Assessment Tests.
- Want feedback on six policy's Student Progression Policy, Innovation Zone Policy, school hours. Policy 1.3, School Unified Dress Policy, and Unified School Guide Policy.
- Want information on 2023 – 2024 Calendar.

### **IZONE – Jessica Spigelman**

- Mr. Pappas said the Zone Principals are talking about having meeting in December.

**BTU – Mary Carr, Union Steward**

- Here to support our teachers.

Ms. Keller made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Ms. Spiegelman seconded, motion approved. The meeting was adjourned at 4:33 p.m.

Submitted by,

Jane Fleming

Secretary

Approval Date: November 7, 2022